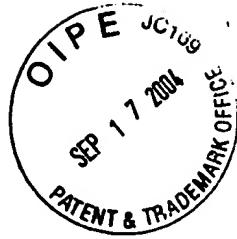


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 12, and having a period for response set to expire on September 16, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.